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### HOMICIDE INVESTIGATION SOUTH DOGWOOD AVENUE AND EAST POINCIANA DRIVE

#### \*\*\*UPDATE – MARCH 15, 2013\*\*\*

Detectives have identified the victim found in the trunk of a burning vehicle yesterday as 23-year old Louie Sagala. An autopsy confirmed that Mr. Sagala was the victim of a homicide, however, detectives are not releasing any other details at this time. Anyone with information is encouraged to call 911 or 88-CRIME.

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Sergeant Chris Widmer – March 15, 2013

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On March 14, 2013 at 3:01 p.m., officers from Operations Division East and personnel from the Tucson Fire Department responded to a 911 call regarding a vehicle fire in the desert area near Dogwood Avenue and Poinciana Drive. Upon arrival, the vehicle was located engulfed in flames. TFD personnel began extinguishing the fire when they discovered a human body in the trunk of the vehicle. The fire was extinguished and the scene was secured. The vehicle appeared to be a silver 2-door passenger vehicle.

Detectives from the Tucson Police Department's Homicide Unit and Special Investigations/Arson Unit responded to continue the investigation. At this time, the investigation is ongoing as detectives examine evidence at the scene and attempt to locate potential witnesses.

First responders noticed a large crowd gathered as police and fire personnel first arrived on scene. Most of the crowd dispersed prior to police being able to contact them. Detectives are asking anyone who may have noticed something suspicious in the area prior to the incident to contact 911 or 88-CRIME.

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